

WEEKLY EDITION.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

FLAMES DAMAGE THE IRON CO.

FIRE AND WATER PLAY HAVOC WITH STOCK AND BUILDING.

Loss, However, is Fully Covered by Insurance.

Fire broke out in the cotton office of Sanders, Swan & Co., which is located on the second floor of the building occupied by the Iron Company at the corner of Market and College streets, about midnight Tuesday night, and while prompt and efficient work on the part of the fire department saved the building from total destruction, it was considerably damaged by the flames, and the stock of the Iron Company, which was composed of dry goods and other commodities of a delicate character, was almost completely ruined by water. Mr. J. W. Irion, the head of the firm, is at present in Chautauqua, N. Y., whither he went a few days since, after having completed the purchase of his fall stock, but Mr. W. A. Brown, a partner in the concern, who is in active charge of the business during Mr. Irion's absence, was seen by a Commercial reporter yesterday, and when asked for an estimate of the loss said that it would be hard to say just what extent his firm had been damaged. He stated, however, that the stock on hand at the time of the fire was worth about twenty thousand dollars and was damaged fully ninety per cent. The firm carried insurance to the amount of eighteen thousand dollars, so it will be seen that their loss is just about covered. Mr. Brown stated further, that had the fire occurred a week or ten days later the loss ensuing therefrom would have been much greater, as the firm has between five and ten thousand dollars worth of goods on the road now.

The furniture stock of Leopold Loeb, who occupies the store next to that of the Iron Company, was also considerably damaged by water, but when asked for a statement regarding his loss, Mr. Loeb said that it would be impossible for him to make even a rough estimate. He is, however, fully protected by insurance.

The building occupied by the Iron Company is a handsome brick structure and is thoroughly modern and up to date, having been erected only four years ago. It is owned by Mrs. A. L. Short, and her loss is fully covered by insurance. Mr. R. E. Leigh, who has the management of Mrs. Short's property, was in Morganston, N. C., when the fire occurred, but was summoned home by wire yesterday, and will probably reach the city today or tomorrow.

As soon as he arrives and an adjustment of the loss can be effected the necessary repairs on the building will be undertaken. The origin of the fire remains a mystery. As far as can be learned the flames first burst forth from the ceiling of the cotton office of Sanders, Swan & Co. They were discovered by Louis Crusoe, the night porter of the Commercial hotel, who gave the alarm, and when first seen seemed to be located in the back room of the cotton firm's office. Mr. W. E. Pope, book keeper for Sanders, Swan & Co., was in the office after supper, having gone there for the purpose of packing up the books of the firm, which he intended to ship to Atlanta on the eleven o'clock train. When he concluded his work about nine

o'clock, however, and took the books to the office of the Southern Express Co., he found the office closed and was compelled, therefore, to take them back to the cotton office. They were lying there on the desk when the fire broke out, and Mr. Pope was compelled to make quite a hazardous journey into the building in order to secure them.

Mr. Pope, Mr. Brown and Chief Wakefield, of the fire department, were all asked as to their theories regarding the origin of the fire, but neither one had any idea as to the inception of the blaze.

POPULIST PARTY PERISHED.
A Jackson special to the Birmingham News says: The death-knell of the populist party in Mississippi has been sounded, and the organization is now declared out of existence in the counties where it has heretofore flourished with an almost dominant membership. A few days since a little handful of men who still maintain faith in the principles of populism met in Kemper county to revive the official organization, but the meeting was a drag from start to finish, and finally wound up by a declaration of the party's death and the announcement that "the ashes from off life's extinguished tapers have fallen and the light of existence has gone out forever."

In the adjoining counties to Kemper, where populists formerly existed in large numbers, the party organization has lapsed, and even Hon. Frank Burkitt, the acknowledged state leader, and who was a candidate for vice-president on the middle-of-the-road ticket in 1896, is coquetting with the democratic party, and is expected to rejoin the ranks of the party he left in the early days of populism. Dr. R. K. Prewitt, who was the populist candidate for governor in 1890, has manifested a sphinx-like silence ever since, and down in Franklin county, where the party succeeded in electing a member of the legislature three years ago, the organization has been abandoned.

THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

Since the resignation of Mr. A. G. Dancy some months ago the county has not had a surveyor, although there is frequent demand for one. The matter possibly has been overlooked heretofore, but is important and should be attended to without delay. There are very few men in the county competent to fill the place acceptably, but we have in mind one who is eminently qualified and who says he will accept it if tendered him. We refer to Mr. Henry Terry. Upon notification by the board of supervisors of the vacancy and a simple request, Governor Longino would doubtless appoint Mr. Terry.

THE DRAMATIC SEASON.

The local dramatic season is to open on Tuesday, August 26th, at which time Herrmann, the Great, will appear at the Columbus opera house. Quite a number of meritorious attractions have been booked, among them being Elizabeth Kennedy in "Captain Jinks," Rose Coghlan, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Broom and the old Columbus favorite, "Reaping the Harvest." Other bookings will be announced later.

At Collins, Miss., the other day, a boy ten years old was arrested for murder, and another, fourteen years old, was indicted for running a blind tiger. This is the result of improper training, and is what may be expected of boys whose parents do not pay as much attention to them as they

would a good cur dog or a hound pup. Mark this prediction: There are some boys in Columbus who, if their parents do not see after them, will, in less than five years, bring disgrace upon themselves and sorrow into the hearts and homes of their families.

SINCE our editorial Sunday morning on the subject of the small boy "toting" pistols, at least one man has discovered that his son was among the number. He didn't believe it at first, but he does now, for he saw it. A good many others can be likewise convinced if they will put themselves to the trouble to make some investigations.

THIS BOY HAD ONE.

EDITOR COMMERCIAL:
I read your editorial Sunday morning headed, "Disgraceful, Shameful!" and I presumed, as other parents, that the reference to the small boy carrying a pistol did not apply to mine, but during the day the subject weighed on my mind so that I determined to watch my son. After tea Sunday night I took a seat on my front veranda and when my boy came out, presumably starting to church, I called him to me and, as I had often done when he was smaller, pulled him fondly into my lap. Without intimating the object of my affection I made it convenient to rub my hands over his body, and you can imagine my horror when I discovered that my boy was among the number who are carrying pistols. I would not have believed it had I not seen it. My boy's excuse was that "all the boys, nearly, have them and I don't see why I can't have one, too." He hasn't any now, and by the help of God he never will have another, or if he does he will not keep it very long, for I intend to break him of the habit. I thank you for your editorial and I hope that every parent in Columbus will take the same steps which I have taken, or some other, to break up the nefarious habit.
X. X. X.
Columbus, Miss., Aug. 20, 1902.

Vacation Days.

Vacation time is here and the children are fairly living out of doors. There could be no healthier place for them. You need only to guard against the accidents incidental to most open air sports. No remedy equals DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for quickly stopping pain or removing danger of serious consequences. For cuts, scalds and wounds, "I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve for sores, cuts and bruises," says L. B. Johnson, Swift, Tex. "It is the best remedy on the market." Sure cure for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeiters.—E. C. Chapman.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT A. & M. COLLEGE.

A State Farmers' Institute will be held at the A. & M. College, beginning Wednesday August 27, and continuing until Friday Aug. 29th. An interesting program has been arranged for each of the three days and every farmer who attends will be greatly benefited. Noted educators and agriculturalists from several states will be present and deliver addresses on various subjects of interest to the Mississippi farmers, and all who can should attend. Railroads will give a rate of one fare for the round trip.

Poisoning the System.

It is through the bowels that the body is cleansed of impurities. Constipation keeps these poisons in the system, causing headache, dizziness and melancholia at first, then unsightly eruptions and finally serious illness unless a remedy is applied. DeWitt's Little Early Risers prevent this trouble by stimulating the liver and promote easy, healthy action of the bowels. These little pills do not act violently but by strengthening the bowels enable them to perform their own work. Never gripe or distress.—E. C. Chapman.

MRS. VANDIVER LAID TO REST.

The remains of Mrs. M. Vandiver, who died at her home in Birmingham last Sunday, were interred in the Rowan graveyard in the northern part of the county last Monday morning. Deceased was, before her marriage, Miss Ida McKissick, and was born and raised in the Caledonia neighborhood. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss.

The Commercial is the best medium for the advertiser.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.
This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. Is unequalled for the stomach. Children with weak stomachs thrive on it.
Cures all stomach troubles
Prepared only by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago. The \$1. bottle contains 2 1/2 times the 50c. size.
For sale by E. C. CHAPMAN.
9-3

APPROVES IT.

EDITOR COMMERCIAL—I read with the most sincere approval your article in last Sunday's issue of the Commercial, headed "Shameful, Disgraceful." Every good citizen will approve all you said in regard to the small boy carrying pistols, etc., and help in trying to prevent it.
W. G. J.

The Jackson police have been raiding the "blind tigers" for a few days, and several of them have already fallen into the clutches of the law. There is nothing half so effectual in breaking them up as a long work-house sentence.

DR. E. T. RILEY, The Osteopath.

Osteopathy is the new science of treating diseases by a Scientific manipulation, there by using no drug or knife. Neither is it Christian Science, Magnetic healing, Massage or Faith cure. The following diseases have been treated successfully by Osteopathy. Such as eye, ear and throat troubles, heart and lung troubles; liver and kidney troubles; bladder diseases; stomach and intestinal disorders; dislocations and deformities nervous disease (headaches, St. Vitus dance, sciatica, paralysis, neuralgia, asthma, lumbago) general diseases, (rheumatism, catarrh, goitre, wry neck, loss of voice and many others). Disease of women a specialty.
Office at cottage formerly occupied by Mr. J. P. Woodward, on Second avenue, north.
Office hours 9 a. m. to 12 m. 1 to 4 p. m. (except Sunday) Call or write for literature. Phone 254

JNO. H. BURNS Dealer in

FRESH MEATS
Of All Kinds,
M. & O. Depot.
Choice Cuts 10 to 12-2c.
Cumberland 'Phone.
ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED

Health and Pleasure Resorts WITH MEDICINAL WATERS

on the line of the **ILLINOIS CENTRAL** and the **YAZOO & MISSISSIPPI VALLEY RAILROADS.**
Castalian Springs, Allison's Wells, Cooper's Wells, Lower's Wells and Brown's Wells are regularly established health and pleasure resorts with medicinal waters as a feature, and having hotel accommodations. They are located on or contiguous to the lines of the Illinois Central and Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroads IN THE UPLAND REGION OF **MISSISSIPPI.**
Send to the undersigned for a free copy of an illustrated book describing them all. In addition, travel books have been issued, which can be had free on application to the undersigned.
A. H. HANSON, G. P. A., Illinois Central R. R., Chicago, Ill. 7-27-aw-8c

WESTERN KENTUCKY and Coal Springs and Dixon Springs in SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

are similar resorts concerning which an illustrated book has been issued, which can be had free on application to the undersigned.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE, CLINTON, MISS. FOR BOYS and YOUNG MEN.

Founded 1826.
Next Session Opens Sept. 11th.
Thorough and extensive courses of study.
Reasonable expenses. Endowment materially enlarged. For catalogue and particulars address
W. T. LOWREY, D. D., Pres. or P. H. EAGER, Acting Pres.

Notice to Meat Consumers

A Decline of 2 1/2 Cents per Pound on all cuts of Fresh Meats except Pork.

The following are my prices for smoked meats:

Ham Steaks, fat and skin off,	20c per pound.
Mince Ham,	17 1/2c "
Boneless Ham,	15c "
C. P. Hams,	15c "
N. E. C. Hams,	14c "
Sliced Breakfast Bacon,	17 1/2c "
Boneless Corn Beef,	12 1/2c "
Pure Leaf Lard,	15c "
(in 50 lb. cans, 1 cent less.)	
Pork Sausage Meat,	12 1/2c "
Link Sausage Meat,	15c "

These are all first-class meats, the very best the market affords.

My fresh meats are put in cooler a few days before cutting, which gives it a sweet flavor and makes it juicy.

Telephone your orders.
H. SILBERBERG.



Baby Carriages, Adjustable Go-Carts, Iron Beds, Refrigerators

The best ever brought to Columbus. Special bargains in all lines of Furniture at

GUNTER BROS.,
Main and Market Streets



DR. W. A. CHARPING, OPTICIAN.

Graduate of New York, Atlanta, Chicago.

Office at Chapman's Drug Store.

Lost.
A brown spotted, flea-bitten pointer dog. Answers to name of "Dick." Last seen at M. & O. depot at noon last Sunday. Liberal reward for his return to
H. L. BAILEY.
Aug. 21-2t.

For Sale.
Six lots, 50x100 feet, situated in square 81, N. Main street. Terms strictly cash. For full information apply at Jobe's jewelry store. 8-17-8t

Large Fat New Catch Mackerel.

Try "Cottolene," Large and Small Buckets.

A Jug of French Mustard for 25c at T. J. LOCKE & SON.

65 MAIN STREET. Both 'Phones.

Cabbage plants for fall planting. Laws.

Do You Like to Receive Prompt Replies to Your Letters?

If you should be careful in the selection of your stationery, for a pretty letter on stylish stationery is sure to be answered promptly.

A complete line of wicker stationery, embracing all the latest and most fashionable shades in paper of the finest quality has just been received at

DANIEL CUSHING'S PHARMACY.

WEDDING INVITATIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Latest correct forms, high-grade material, lowest northern price.

\$1.00 FOR 100.

Disregard all other advertising.

E. O. ZABEK, Stationery Department.

Subscribe for the Commercial

ENVELOPES LADIES' USE

Are made in various tints. We have quite a number.

10c will get a package, while another dime gets the paper to match.

CALLING CARDS, REGRET CARDS, TALLY CARDS, and PLAYING CARDS.

See our line when in need of stationery.

CURRY, LIPSCOMB & CAINE.